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THE JOURNAL ATIU

Editorial

INDEPENDENT TO THE END

Of the forty issues of the JOURNAL in the 19 months, none has been more difficult to put together than this one.

The JOURNAL is well aware of why this issue is so hard to produce.

On August 10 1987, after only ten issues and barely off the ground, we were very severely attacked by the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and by Mr. Vincent Ingram privately.

The apparent problem, we discovered, was that the JOURNAL had printed Mr. George's statement to his own people on our Island regarding his part in the overthrow of Sir Thomas Davis....and the two current champions of free speech apparently didn't think that should have been done ...or something to that effect.

Two weeks earlier, Mr. George's supporters on Atiu had attempted to have the JOURNAL closed for not toeing what they believed was the true George line!

BUT, that is not the difficulty.

It lies in what resulted from those 1987 exchanges.

The JOURNAL committed itself in the following statement of 10.8.87:

"Prior to the next election we shall reserve our right, as in a great newspaper tradition, to endorse any party we feel approaches in their own way the policies we stand for."

Since then the JOURNAL has insisted on dealing, not with political personalities but with political issues.

In doing so, it is hoped that the JOURNAL has achieved a genuine kind of independence...in the eyes of our readers.

Sadly, we have learned that this is not possible in the eyes of two groups we regard as important...the one to the nation as a whole, the other to Atiu.

It would be diverting but time-wasting to name them. Suffice it to say that both groups (one political, one commercial) appear to the JOURNAL to regard the real world as a mirror to the dark illusory one in which they operate and in which they see everyone playing a devious and cynical game of self-advantage.

Such is the true darkness of such fantasies that to one group the JOURNAL has been regarded as a mouthpiece for Mr. Norman George while, to the other, it has always been a mouthpiece for Mr. George's bitterest enemies!!!

Manuia korua!

Happily, we are aware of having no friends! The JOURNAL regards that as a clear indication of either its incompetence or its total independence! It is OUR fantasy that it is the latter.

It is finally hoped that in this last pre-election issue, that independence can be maintained right to the end.

PART ONE offers a final serious analysis of the decisive issues while, in PART TWO, the other half of our own dark psyche ("vera") offers what the election is in spirit and, we fear, reality....a rather ludicrous way of pretending [illegible] count!

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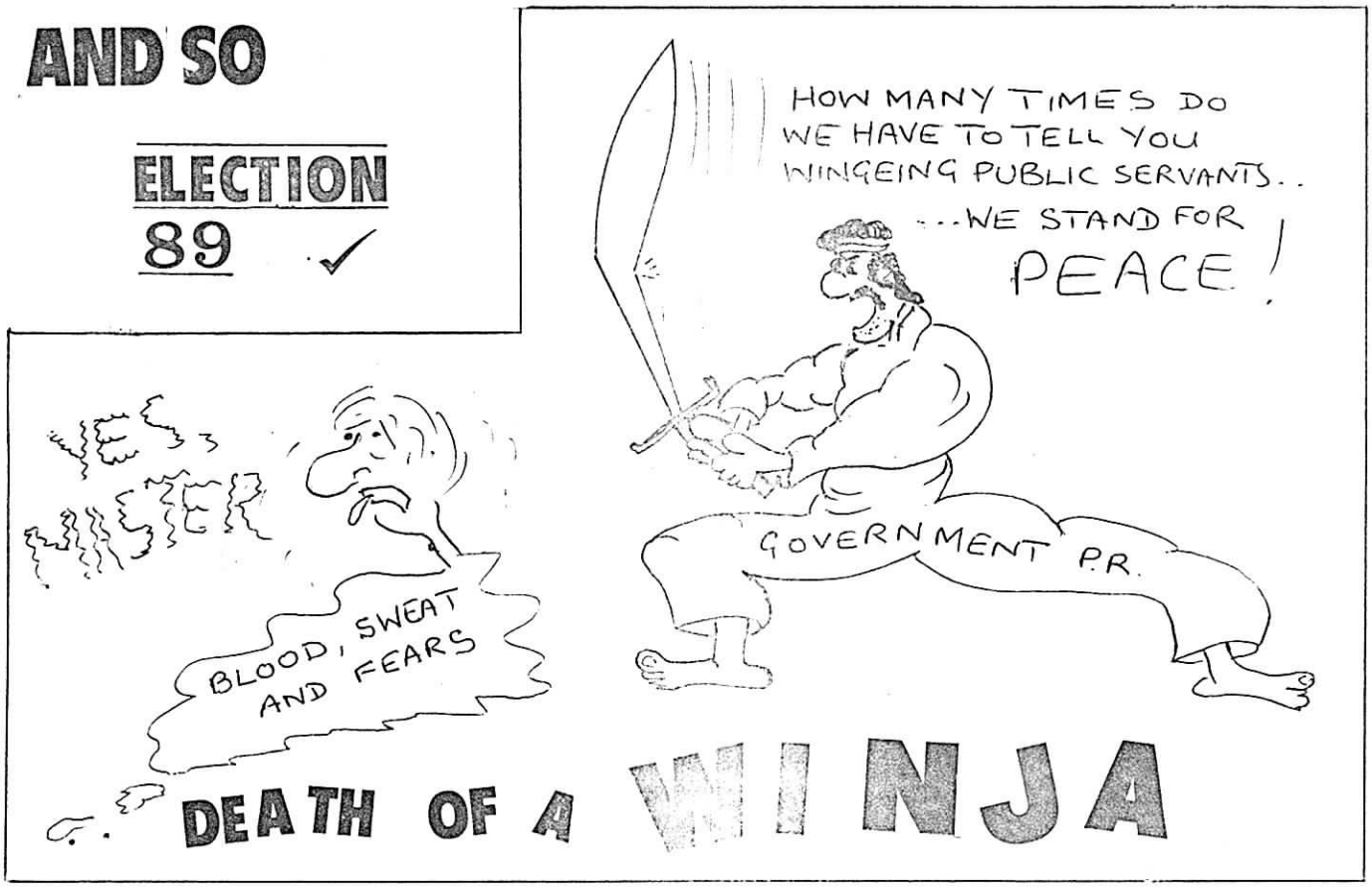
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...WE STAND FOR PEACE!
GOVERNMENT P.R.
BLOOD, SWEAT AND FEARS
DEATH OF A NINJA

"No, but seriously"

COVER STORY

Partnership: What's in it for TUMUS

The announcement by Vincent Ingram, leader of those members of the Democratic Party who claim to be the only "true" Demos (self-named, the Demo Tumus), that he and his followers would be supporting the CIP's in the election will have come as a surprise to some students of the CIs. political scene.

To others, though, it will be seen as the latest in a five year battle by Ingram to seize leadership of the 17 year old party for himself and his followers.

In a statement to the Rarotonga PRESS, Vincent Ingram declared that he saw the record 90+ candidates not as a sign of confusion but as a sign of wide anti-government feeling.

He stated that he viewed the list of candidates in simple terms...those who were pro-government and those who were anti-government.

He said that the interests of his anti-government forces at this stage were solely to get rid of the coalition government. Consequently he, and his committees, were advising followers to vote with the CIP which was, he claimed, the only single party capable of governing after this election.

His announcement puts a whole new element into the election jig-saw. The Tumus will have considerable influence in many electorates far beyond their numerical strength.

This is especially so in the vital marginals in Mangaia, Mitiaro and Pukaikura.

The five seat in Mangaia and Pukaikura (all tight marginals) will, in the view of the JOURNAL clearly demonstrate whether the Tumus have had an effect on the election result and, thus, whether they get out of it the future leadership of the Democratic Party they seek.

ENDORSEMENT

The JOURNAL believes that the general policies outlined in the manifestos of the CIP and the CILP (Labour Party) reflect the interests of the working class family.

The JOURNAL also endorses the manifesto of the Cook Islands Party as the only existing document offering a specific plan of action which promotes the interests of the working class family we have stood for consistently and independently.

Comment

In this final analysis of our General Election, the JOURNAL offers eight pages of comment . The essays which comprise PART ONE (pp 3-10) identify what the JOURNAL has attempted to stand for over the last 18 months.

Finally, we offer what is a first in CIs. media work - an endorsement for readers of candidates and/or parties who enter the election reflecting, in our view, the positions promoted in this publication.

The JOURNAL claims to offer the standpoint of the working class Cook Islands family and promotes what it (arguably, of course) sees to be in the interests of that family...from the perspective of the Maori worker and those immigrants who have accepted his or her condition...in full.

That perspective is that of the family whose total assets and future are in the Cook Is. and whose children are educated under Cook Islands conditions and whose health is dependent upon Cook Islands facilities and whose income is dependent upon the proper and fair management of Cook Islands resources and whose development and quality of life appear, at this stage of independence, to be closely linked to the quality of person it elects to Parliament.

That is Cook Islands socialism, we believe.

Our endoresement can only go to candidates and parties which view things from that perspective and that perspective only.

The emergence of a massive consumerism has been the feature of the 1980's. ABOVE: Draught beer on an Outer Island...which has no ambulance at the time of writing!

THE COSTS OF CAPITALISM

Election time is not a time for debating finer points.

It is a time to state things...straight and simple!

This is not an elegant essay, therefore.

It asks what are the political problems the people are identifying as important to them.

It suggests why they are occurring.

We identify the problems which people talk to us about as:

1. Wages, salaries and costs of living.

2. An apparent deterioration in the standards of the social services.

3. Specific examples of alleged unfairness.

4. Alleged abuse of power.

5. A vague despair and a cynicism towards beliefs that the election will change much in the long run.

These are all, of course, recurrent themes in the industrialised West and, increasingly so, in the large socialist nations.

That such perceptions are with us is a sign that the country is maturing politically in its awareness. The politicians may rather pathetically try to turn the whole thing into a personality battle, but at heart the people are becoming wiser than their leaders.

They know better.

They are not sure why, however, it is all happening.

We claim that the country is experiencing the costs of the penetration at deep levels of our economy by capitalism in a ramp- any form.

As follows:

*By the end of the 70's Albert Henry's various People's Socialism packages had run out of cash to fuel them. The people's aspirations which politicians were expected to fund had outstripped the nation's ability to pay.

*The 1978-83 Demo administration did its best to keep the socialist content of the budget going while attempting to impose some cost effectiveness. This did not work and by the early 80's they were on the look-out for foreign funds and were falling back on the "schemes" scenario for development. Also, a growth for growth's sake philosophy had set in to which all politicians (bar Davis and Ingram - perceptive right wingers) subscribed as it was a lot easier than educating the voter about growth realities.

*The loss of Ingram from the next Davis cabinet removed a vital brain! The socialist content of the budget (regarded as a right by CIsers) could now only be funded by ever increasing overseas money in cash. Aid was of little use. Bizarre schemes offered more chances of fluid cash. Tourism for tourism's sake exploded. The Mini-Games taught the awful lesson of how to manipulate votes and add up later! By 1985, capitalism was in command both of economic strategy and government thinking. DDP became a rationaliser of schemes already signed for rather than an economic planning unit.

*The final coalition removed Davis (whose flagrant monetarist beliefs did at least offer an ideology) and set in mot-

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ion the last 18 months of Development for Development's sake. The socialist content of the budget now cannot be paid for at all without lashings of foreign cash. On foreign terms.

It is these terms which are the problem..not capitalism per se.

We have the worst of all economic worlds at present if long-term protection of the worker hiring out his labour or skill is to be a significant factor.

At present we have ad hoc capitalism without competitive management, incentives for the local citizen, competition of significant levels, feasibility studies, unions, employment policies, work permit quotas or even a reserve bank to influence the money supply.

We have ad hoc entrepreneurism conducted by many who have no long-term stake in the nation in terms of stable investment in national priority areas.

We have ad hoc socialism with no planning projections, no up-to-date target incomes and no growth targets...and no money, from time to time!

We survive on what may be termed ad hoc nineteenth century liberalism...without the very rich benefactors nor the incentives to capitalist investment and are thus producing social services at the level which can be expected out of left-over finance.

What we also have is a nation of petty entrepreneurism in which the 1980's have been devoted to creating petty consumers...video watchers, home appliance users, beer drinkers, amusement seekers etc.

Forget the heroes and villains scenario. If that's the way you like to see the country, turn to Part Two of this issue where "vera" offers precisely that view of the nation...amusing but utterly false!

In summary, what the JOURNAL suggests is that the nation has been allowed to fall out of the control of the people's institutions. Parliament. The Structure of Public Service Administration. The Structure of Economic Planning. The Structure of Dialogue between public and private sectors.

It is capitalism rampant.

It is not the way capitalism (which has an honourable record in

It is not the way the dynamic revolutionary power of capitalism can be harnessed to help the people.

It IS the way capitalism can polarise society, develop a non-productive elite and lead to social unrest.

And that is what has happened. The only reason why we aren't all on strike and demanding the imposition of price control is over

prices, work permits, foreign investment, ministerial excess, employment policies etc. is that we kick all our social problems overseas and let NZ handle them.

Meanwhile, at home, we watch helplessly while the capital inland is being inexorably transformed into *a suburb of Auckland.... to suit the livestyle of those who require profit* margins far in excess of anything the locally-paid consumer in the third world can afford to pay. ■

SOLUTION?

Why be humble? The solutions are not difficult in the first instance.

Structurally, the place has broken down. So, rebuild the structures ...from basics.

THE BASICS

1. Growth Targets and a Growth strategy based on:
2. ...National income targets properly researched and taken from the perspective of the working class family and involving:
3. ...price control, import control and food supply targets based upon:
4. ...agricultural targets.
5. The structure of
   a. An Income Target
   b. The tax level acceptable to private sector investment.
   c. The shortfall required through development enterprises.

NB: The basic research has already been done in these areas. What is required is a cabinet confident enough to avoid falling into the "Development for Development's sake" trap.

THE PUBLIC SERVICES

Much of the "think-tank" work on creating a modern cost-effective public service has been done in Australia and NZ. The CIs. could maintain and even lower its current budget AND provide an at least 100% more effective service than at present, through the application of modern management methodology.

AID:

The nation must be returned, in appropriate areas, to basic socialist principles and, in many areas, our models are NOT NZ but India, China, Scandinavia, and other nations (including Japan) who can approach our problems with no preconceptions about so-called'islanders.'

There should be a stop to all the dubious entrepreneural scheming by foreigners and the preposterous concept of "economic independence" based on private foreign cash.

EDUCATION & AGRICULTURE

Require:

A return to long-term planning.

Growth targets.

Employment protection to safeguard those whose careers are tied up in depressed social services.

HEALTH

Needs to be immediately handed over to the UN as an emergency problem requring total re-planning.

POWER

Any CIS. government will bankrupt itself if it

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takes on the patching up of the present enterprise.

It is THE number one problem for the 90's.

Emergency funding must be created and made untouchable whilst a complete re-appraisal of development strategies and power needs is undertaken.

DEVELOPMENT

The private sector especially must be told to join in with an austerity programme. If they withdraw investment, at least we all know where we stand. If they stay in, the people (who won't be any worse off anyway) will do their part.

That's it, basically! Plus [illegible] peace (that's naive, we feel) but the political stability of a party in power for five years (no less) with a people's mandate AND the necessary support expertise to carry things out.

THEN, and only then, can we afford the luxury of playing around with the basics of our political system.

The present system has the structural strength to do the above...if the people have enough confidence to vote a party in [illegible]

[illegible], the ad hoc penetration of capitalism into the economy of the family will continue apace uncontrolled until the end of the century...by which time the total face of the only independent Maori nation will have altered beyond recognition. And most vestiges of Maori control over that nation (except in the form of posturing personalities in Parliament) will have disappeared.

AND SO TO ATIU

Norman George (right) answering allegations earlier early in 1988 about the notorious house purchase in Titikaveka, to JOURNAL editor David Lewis. The house and other anti-George allegations have generally aroused less interest on Atiu than in Rarotonga. In the election build-up, however, the controversial Foreign Minister has received unfavourable local comment for failing to meet his constituents.

— THE REALITY

The JOURNAL believes that the otherwise immaculately orchestrated CIP/Demo Tumu campaign has made what could possibly be a fatal mistake.

The alleged trap is that which Coalition have used in Parliament viz: to use the highly controversial figure of Norman George as the anti-government punching bag absorbing all the flack which would normally be directed at the weak dual leadership offered by Dr. Robati and Dr. Maoate.

It is after all, the latter two who head the coalition and, in fact, have made most personal advantage out of this peculiar form of government (a pre-arrenged "coalition" the terms of which are laid down not by parties but the individual candidates disguising themselves as parties!)

So the twin leaders have had a relatively untouched campaign while the major villain lashed at by the opposition has been their number 3, Norman George...well able to perform the role from his "safe" seat in Tamarua.

The reality about Norman George is that, in spite of all the alleged massive iniquities, he has parlayed incumbancy into a crude but effective OIs. islands strategy.

A non-hysterical view of how he has done this is presented here. It may not suit opponents to look at the "George Era" this way, but it is the way many of his supporters look at things.

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ATIU UNDER NORMAN

YOUTH & EMPLOYMENT

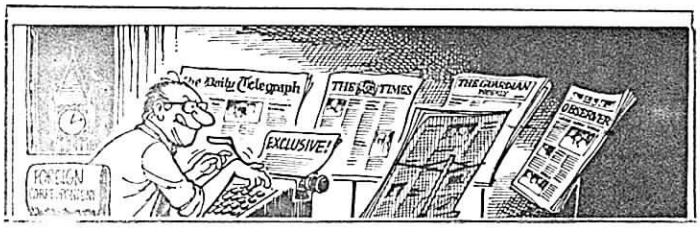
Controversial but truly outstanding in terms of jobs, training opportunities, welfare care and probation help, scholarships, sports and cultural activities. Ask the mapu!

INVESTMENT

Not a lot. But Ledarco was rejected by the people and the Minister was ready to listen. Active support given to AML Ltd. and ADC. Don't listen to all the stories! The record is the best in the OIs under this government.

COMMERCE

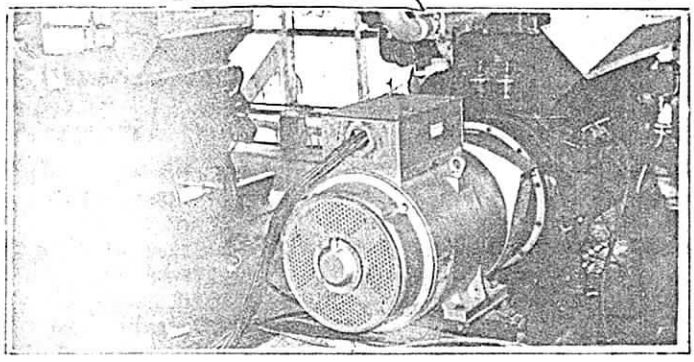
More money has been generated on Atiu than ever before. Business has expanded. Support for small-time enterprise could be much better, tho'. It is a nation-wide problem however. Small business is of limited concern to governments requiring huge levels of investment



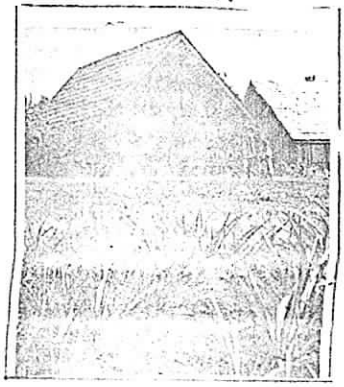
MEDIA The survival of the JOURNAL at national and international level speaks for itself and for the Minister's immaculate record of support for the media. Its desperate battle to survive on Atiu speaks equally for the dark, secretive character of the island and for the Minister's low quality of advice.

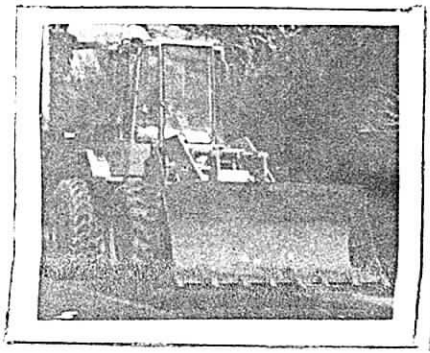
EDUCATION & HEALTH:

Unparallelled support in both areas from both MP's. Arguably the best ever received on an O.Is. BUT crippled on numerous occasions by deficiencies at national government level (e.g. staffing, ambulances etc.)



DEVELOPMENT: (Power, Tourism, Agriculture and Public Works). The Power problems are national. Atiu has survived well by O.Is. standards. Tourism (thanks to AML and government support and a retail outlet) has done well. The Malcolms have put Atiu on the world map (in a tiny corner!) Agriculture is a national problem. The record on Atiu is less than impressive (as everywhere). Coffee has done quite well. Along with Mangaia ara, a big plus for local light industry. Public Works have an excellent record by OIs. standards.





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ALL TALK, NO ACTION

—NOW—

IN A COMPLEX COMMUNICATION we endorse

The following article fulfills a contract between [illegible] undertook to offer a complete analysis of CIs. political affairs over 18 months and to offer a final endorsement.

We believe that the 1989 Cook Islands General Election is largely a negative election.

At worst, it involves groups with nothing to offer the nation bar anti-government resentments, often of a personal nature which, while being intensely important personally (and we have plenty ourselves) are trivial in terms of the national interest.

Thus, we do not support the stance of the Demo Tumus who, we believe, had a valid stance which should have been backed by a positive programme showing the nation exactly what Mr. Ingram and his alleged "committees" had to offer.

Nor do we support those who would try to isolate Mr. Norman George and/or his house, his travelling and/or his personality as matters worth settling the destiny of a nation upon.

If the Cook Islands nation is nothing more than a pack of squabbling leaders indulging in personality clashes and alleged "corruption" charges, that nation is no more than a 17000 member tumunu.

We, thank God, would not even come close to knowing what "corruption" is in US, UK, African, Asian or even NZ and Australian terms.

If recent allegations of the extent of Mr. George's (probably) legal mortgages and loans are correct, then "what's new, folks?" Since, when were CIs. MP's (Demos, CIP's et al) anything other than exploiters of capitalist opportunity.

We cannot endorse Mr. George because, for all his more than passable record on behalf of the Atiuan people, he has round his neck a mess of a government structure which he cannot exercise control over.

Neither, apparently, can (in our view) the rest of his ministerial colleagues or his Public Service Commissioner... all of whom are honourable servants of the Cook Islands but have no up-to-date administrative structure within which to operate.

Mr. George's house is not the problem. Maybe the Board which failed to resign en masse (some did, it is rumoured) are to blame.

But, at least, Mr. George is [illegible] January 19.

None of the foreign money makers are. None of the offshore bankers are. None of the contract officers are. Some of the CIP financiers aren't. ADC isn't. Mr. Malcolm isn't.

And Mr. George is accountable to us for being a representative of a fair, efficient government.

In our experience, he is as fair as anyone involved in politics and fairer than many. And he is efficient. The Atiu Office concept is a magnificent CIs. initiative.

His PR is lousy but his advisers must accept that blame.

His government (and we have said this to him) is not to our taste.

The Labour Party and the People's Parties are young.

Their targets this time must be recognition. To

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The JOURNAL is an opinion sheet offering news, commentary and entertainment in an ancient journalistic tradition reaching far back into the origins of the media. It is not a "loud hailer" for politicians nor part of the modern taped investigative tradition. It is a loud hailer for ourselves and anyone who shares our views or would like to hear them. It is in no one's pocket. It is biased towards the interests of the Maori working class as we see them. It is totally independent. There is no self-interest expressed in the commentary offered in the JOURNAL whatsoever.

EDITOR: As a Cook Islands writer, I (like other local colleagues) do not and will not write on sensitive CIs. political affairs for any foreign publication...even though the rewards would be lucrative. In terms of vested interest, I regard Geoffrey Henry, Norman George and Vincent Ingram as my friends, Papa Pupuke, Papa Tom and Papa Mariri as respected leaders. I have nothing to gain by writing in support of any of them and regard my professional writing services as being at their disposal. On Atiu, the Malcolm family and my family are close friends. We disagree a lot! I am a member of the Cook Islands Labour Party, as I have always supported the international Labour movement...wherever capitalists have moved it!

In making our endorsement, the JOURNAL follows a noble journalistic tradition in trying to present readers with the facts (over 18 months of them) and offering them an overall opinion which they can acknowledge or reject.

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achieve respect as a future government, they will be judged on the next five years. It can only be that way.

Thus, in an almost wholly negative election, the JOURNAL could either opt out (which we believe is an irresponsible stance) or seek a return to the status quo ante before Vincent Ingram and Tupui Henry manipulated the rest of us into total confusion.. ..followed by Tom, Geoff, Pupuke, Norman et al.

The JOURNAL therefore endorses a return to a single party government, to the position in 1983 where Geoffrey Henry was in a position to give us what he could offer after a long career....in the hope that he will do a whole lot better at handling crises than he has done in the past...in the hope that he can assemble the best advisers in the country around him ..and, in the hope that, if Atiu does decide to return two members with a good record in the eyes of the majority of the people, he will NOT pursue the path announced by one of his close advisers to us..."Atiu will be punished by the CIP's."

The JOURNAL endorses, therefore, a return to 1983 and a CIP government under Geoffrey Henry as being in the best interests of the Maori family working class at this time.

In forecasting, we stick to our "hung Parliament scenario", unfortunately and advise readers that what we see on Atiu in terms of grassroots support for Coalition is a hidden factor which the polls do not bring out.

We still believe the CIP's will have a very, very hard job getting the working majority they need.

Management

RULES FOR A BETTER PUBLIC SERVICE

Government reforms should emphasise measurement of performance and incentives

Atiuan Tangata Simiona, (Ombudsman), possibly the best man for a Commission on the Commission of the future!

Recent moves by the Federal Government to improve cost and operation efficiency in the Public Service have been met with varying responses. Some say the measures are a step in the right direction, others that they amount to nothing more than shuffling deckchairs on the Titanic.

However, most agree the changes show a recognition by the Government that something has to be done to streamline the cumbersome public sector. But is the Federal Government taking the right approach? Australia's second-biggest management consultancy, Pappas Carter Evans & Koop, thinks not.

Colin Carter, a director of Pappas Carter, says the state and federal governments should be given credit for trying to address the Public Service performance issue. But he says their big mistake is "acting on the immediate instinct to address a performance problem with reorganisation".

Carter says: "There's been tremendous enthusiasm for decentralisation both in the private and public sectors. Tax, health and education have all been through regionalisation. But most reorganisation is a waste of time and in many cases negative because it takes an enormous amount of energy. They (governments) shuffle the boxes around and finish up with new letterheads and new names but basically nothing changes."

Carter says it is essential that the Government focuses on performance measurement and incentives for managers if it is to have any hope of making the Public Service more efficient. He says top-level Public Service managers have a tough time. "At the top level in government departments, the people are under enormous pressure, having huge public exposure and accountability. They are earning about a quarter of what they would in the private sector, so it's hard to demand more from them."

He believes there is an unwritten incentive system in the Public Service, but it is counter-productive. He says size is used to measure how important a department is, encouraging managers to push for growth in the

Pappas Carter consultant Bill Mountford says the question of incentives is a difficult one. The most obvious incentive is monetary reward, but Mountford says this may not be appropriate. "Part of the challenge is to find incentives other than money because it may not be that easy to use monetary incentives without compromising the objectives of cutting down costs and the number of people.

He says there are further problems. "There appears to be very great incentive not to do something wrong but very little incentive to take a risk and perhaps do something different."

Carter says there is the danger that if managers stick their necks out, they could be taken apart in Parliament. Therefore, the disincentives are great.

Carter says communication is another difficult issue. The lines of communication in the Public Service are too long and so every task becomes fragmented. "This is what we see as the hard part. If you're going to tackle the communication issue, an organisation really has to wrestle with itself for a year or two — take management layers out and review everybody's job."

Carter says managers are so cushioned from people at grass roots level that they are not able to sort out real problems. "That's why we are sceptical about this reorganisation at the top."

Carter says problems such as incentives and communication have to be overcome so changes can be made. "Any fundamental change in the Public Service has to be put together by the Government, the unions and management together because most government programs are people intensive."

One of the major reasons why the JOURNAL endorses a return to single party majority government is our belief that only such a governmental structure could tackle the business we see as THE priority for the 90's..the total re-appraisal of the PSC, as in NZ & Australia. (See attached article from Australia..and note!)

And NOW here's the news (FOLKS)

People

Many congratulations to Papa John Cameron who recently reached his 60th birthday on Atiu.

Telegrams came for the respected MOW head from all over the CIs., as well as visitors from Aitutaki, Rarotonga and NZ at a "monster" party held by his family.

LEFT: The Atiu College U5 in 1987 about to set foot on the long, hard path which has now led to 13 of them obtaining Sixth Form qualifications and entry to pre-University classes in 1989

Not to mention time and money.

Teachers, meanwhile, prepared themselves for another long year of extra time to ensure full tuition.

Mary Kautai
1989 Form 7

FORM SEVEN —A NEW ERA

A new era in CIs. education is due to commence at Atiu College in February.

Six of the 13 successful members of 1988's inaugural Form 6 class have signed up to return for the first ever Form 7 class to be held in an Outer Island.

Although expressing satisfaction at attempting to meet the challenge offered by this venture, College officials were quick to recognise that it was a mixed blessing.

The School Committee met during the holidays to plan the fund raising required to meet extra expenses.

—A MIXED BLESSING—

BELOW: 11 years ago the first ever CIs. Form 6 was started at Mangaia College. Of the class, there are now two MA's, two BA's and a dozen qualified Public Servants from nursing to mechanics. Atiu College is about to launch the first ever Form 7 in the hope that in another ten years, the record will be as proud as that of Mangaia.

PART TWO

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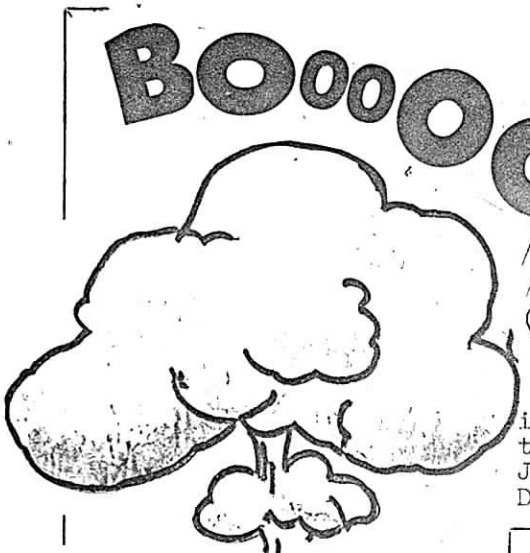
·WEEKLY REVUE·

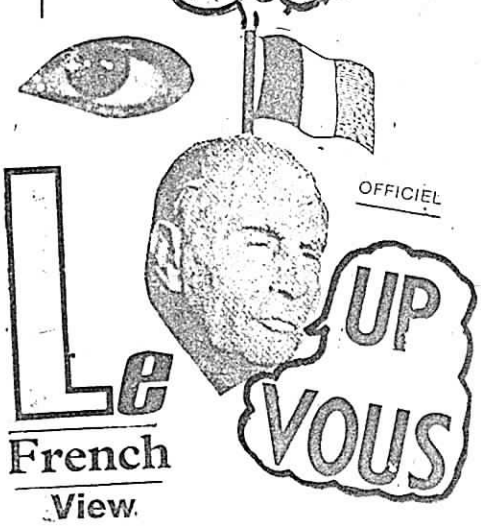
NEWS - international on this planet

The polar ice cap melted a further 0.000000000043mm this morning, according to the ERUBUS BUGLE. Norwegian penguin hunter Tangimetua Trygvörrrn (76) is reported to be moving his are umu to higher ground.

le horrible heave-ho

Bon jour from le extremely top-class land of les bons Frogs. Je have not heard beaucoup recently from mon très esteemed collegue, le formidable General Normal de Gorge. Je expects il is having un spot of le vieux dry horrors at le prospect of being given le horrible heave-ho by les appalling voters. Je knows le problem. Le trouble avec les voters est that les idiots can't seem to comprendre that un exceptionellement busy Homme of le People, like mon esteemed ami, have un awful lot to do and beaucoup of très improtant appointements to keep all over le planet without wasting son time tramping round dans le tutai trying to beg un no-hope voter to put son cross down dans le right place dans le election. Je sympathises but that's le way it is avec le ghastly Democracy. Nous knows. Nous invented it! Vous's Le. G.F.





Le French View

HALF-MARX

DE-STALINISATION, RAISA, STOPS AT THE FRONT GATE! IT IS A WELL DOCUMENTED FACT THAT MRS STALIN ALWAYS MOWED THE LAWNS!

AND THE BURNING BUSH

HOW'S ABOUT WE ALL START OFF WITH A DAMNED FINE SHOW OF STRENGTH, FELLOWS, LIKE, SAY, HOW'S ABOUT NUKING NEPAL? NO? O.K. JUST A THOUGHT!

Wets

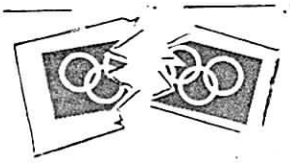
UNIONS

A repressed working class does not require Unions. Unions require a repressed working class.

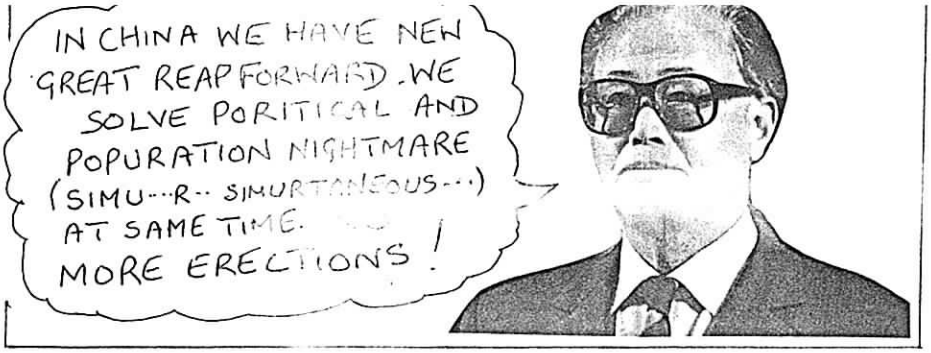
-CAPITAL PUNISHMENT WEEKLY pp38-9

Maggie's Message

POWER Games



All the latest Action ...from the mouths of experts!!!


IN CHINA WE HAVE NEW GREAT REAP FORWARD. WE SOLVE PORITICAL AND POPURATION NIGHTMARE (SIMU···R·· SIMURTANEOUS···) AT SAME TIME. MORE ERECTIONS!

NOTE: The above news item is not a news item at all. It is an extremely offensive racial slur and has been condemned as such by the whole staff. It is to be sent to the Race Relations board for their luling. ED.

SPECIAL SECTION

VICENET Says

TAKEOVERS THAT WORK

People often ask just how come here's Mean Pa lining up alongside Jeffo the Ocker (who we used to reckon was wetter then wallaby's wee-wee) against Drongo Norm, the only man to go round the world in eighty days twice on a Monady (who we used to reckon was the Demos answer to Dick Tracy in Papatoetoe) and Pui, Fui, Hui and Lui (who we used to be supporting for CI Consul to Disneyland).

Well, the answer is quite incredibly complicated.

And I have no intention of going into it.

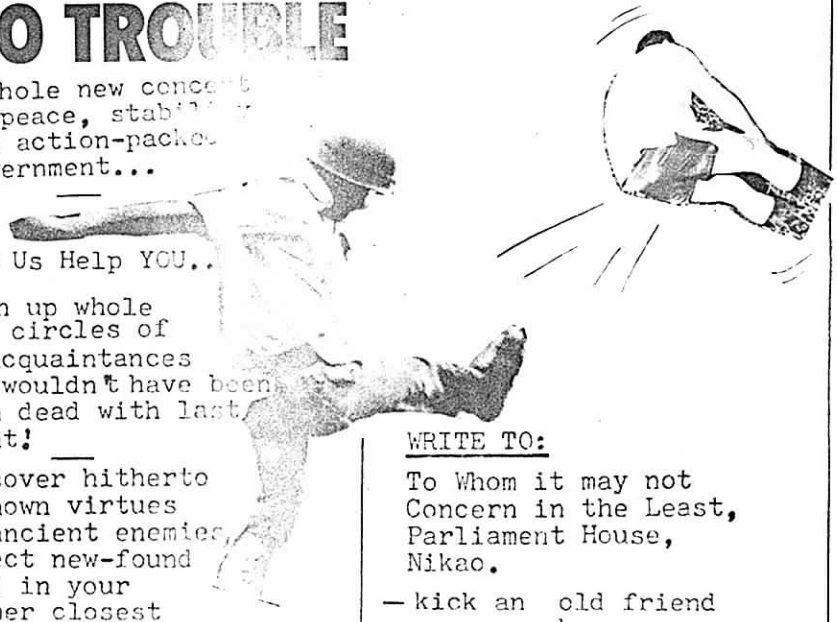
Especially as Mean Pa ain't quite sure, either.

So, it's Jeffo the Ocker (who we regard with as much relish as a platypus fritter) or nothing...so far.

Write and tell us if you follow. We'd appreciate knowing ourselves!

NO TROUBLE

A whole new concept in peace, stability and action-packed Government...



Let Us Help YOU..

open up whole new circles of of acquaintances you wouldn't have been seen dead with last night!

discover hitherto unknown virtues in ancient enemies, detect new-found evil in your former closest mates

WRITE TO:

To Whom it may not Concern in the Least, Parliament House, Nikao.

— kick an old friend every week

the quorums an everyday tale of political folk tropo

AHA... CABLE NOTE MINITA ... LAS VEGAS MAI ... AN EVERYDAY TRIVIALITY IN THE RICH PATTERN OF MINISTERIAL LIFE...
WHAT!! "YOUR BOOKING FOR MINISTERIAL SUITE SIX WEEKS FROM JANUARY 20 RUMOURED CANCELLED STOP PLEASE REPLY SOONEST... CAESAR'S PALACE" !!!!
"DEAR SOONEST, YOUR CABLE NOT UNDERSTOOD STOP MINISTERIAL SUITE BOOKING CONFIRMED REPEAT CONFIRMED, AGAIN CONFIRMED"
... MAYBE!"

JEFFO, SPORT says

A FAIR GO, BLUE

As I was sayin' ter me old mate Bondie the other day in the back of the old Ford Falcon on the way to the roo shoot, "I'm havin' a spot of the old liquidity when it comes to shooting down the boongs Big Fella Norm's got lined up over on his side of the creek."

Now, I'll say this fer Bondie, he's as quick as a wallaby's whang when it comes to makin' a decision.

"P--- Off!" he says, sharp as a croc's molar.

Then who should ring through on the old cocktail cabinet inter-com but cousin Henry with the latest on Pui, Fui Hui and Lui and all the drongos from Disneyland Inc.

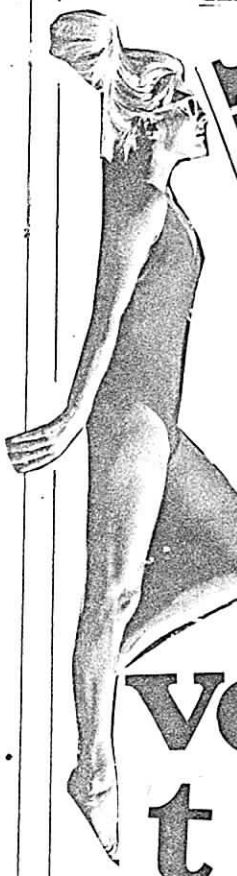
"Hang on, Bondie," I says, "I gotta deal with Pui again. Can I have a lend of yer roo gun?"

"P--- Off!" says Bondie, quick as a jumbuk's jimjam.

That's what I like about Ockers, sport. Never at a loss for a couple of words!

Stuff the People!

choose money



vote tmi

(The Tauturu Mai Iaku Party)

-all candidates just back from NZ

Remember - "We will give you lots of money if we win."

LE GENERAL NORMAL DE GORGE declares 'A TOUCH OF QUALITY'

Citizens of Areora! It has been brought to our attention by our loyal aide Corporal Teapot Bozo that you are becoming impatient to know about today's Unique Epic Development Initiative, otherwise known as our TUEDI project.

We hear that some of you are getting fed up of daily Unique Epic Development Initiatives.

This we quite appreciate. So are we. They are getting hard to initiate. And we can assure you that, after the next seven, there will be no more.

Today's TUEDI is your very own Areoran Inter-Stellar Space Rocket.

At this very moment, it is 5000 miles up in the stratosphere with Corporal Bozo and the manager of the TUEDI project waiting for you all to build a suitable 15 mile landing strip.

To assist you in your warrior-like endeavours, we have just pressed the ejection button to release Corporal Bozo and the manager.

They are due to descend at a velocity of 4870km per hour and land upon Unit 3 of the Atiu Motel.

Kindly ensure that the owners are in the vicinity and you will earn our undying gratitude and our assurance that we will leave you in peace until well into the next century.

TOP OF THE CHARTS

Hot on the heels of the 1978 smash hit "Twisting the High Court" and its follow-up whizz-bang chart-topper follow-ups of 1983, "Twisting the Voter" and "Twisting the Electorate" plus the annual blockbuster albums of 1984, 1985 and 1987, "Twisting Each Other I, II and III" comes 1989's super-collossal zillion-selling long player:

TWISTING THE SYSTEM

by

No. 1 local Super-Group

— THE POLITICIANS —

KOKONUT WIRELESS

Well, the Ngamaru came and went and gained Papas Norm and Ma about minus three votes while Uncle Chris' speech must have lost Papas Norm and Ma any lingering support from the Mangaia lobby.

Papa God was to blame though, as He saved up everything bar the old thunderbolts to greet the arrival of the Great Boat.

CAO Boaza put on a noble imitation of Noah down at the Ararat wharf but the animals gave up on him and all slunk back home three by five or six.

Rumour has it that the evil Tumus in Oneroa had stuffed up the Mangaia end and everyone had a good Mangaia Xmas watching the Min. of Education organise the barge.

Nooroa the Honest Bargeman is reported to have done himself no end of good and Matepi's regretting not ferrying in his children and grandchildren to make up the minus zillions deficit our Mangaian contacts reckon he's carrying.

Meanwhile, over on the dark side of Ivirua, we are told that the JOURNAL's got its knickers in a real tangle if it reckons Honest Ti the Teacher is independent.

Oh dear, no! it seems.

Set up by Matepi and firmly nehind the Coalition, says our source.

And Mama Poti's massing the Armed Hordes of the Iviruan Mamas to stand by her boy and ing Honest Ti back n the taro patch!

The wireless also reckons Maeva's got the ancestors climbing out of the vaults to throw a midnight scare into Honest Vaine the Farmer's lad.

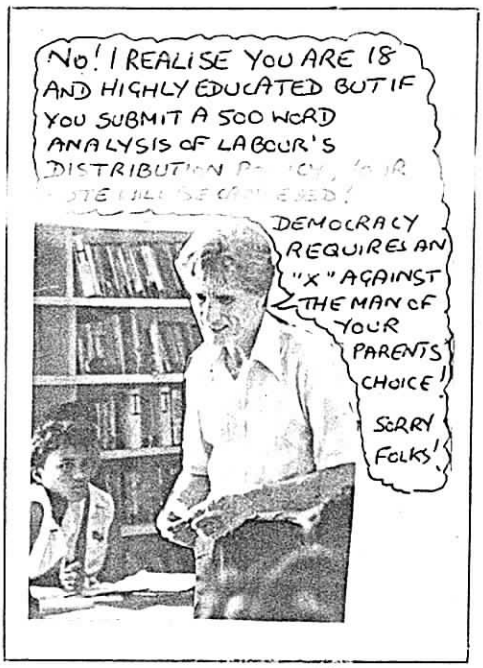
Knickers, we hear! Honest Vaine's got the Mauke Tumus standing by the cannon ready to set the first family firmly in the direction of the Maukean sunset come Jan. 19.

And the Atiu Tumus?

"No problem" says Papa Ma. "They're with me!"

But with Pesky Paere busily tumunising Nga-Pu-Toru...who can tell?

Our junior reporter left last week and cut us off from the mapu news. (Our last contact-JCURNAL: "Tell me young mapu, what do you think about the election?"


No! I REALISE YOU ARE 18 AND HIGHLY EDUCATED BUT IF YOU SUBMIT A 500 WORD ANALYSIS OF LABOUR'S DISTRIBUTION
DEMOCRACY REQUIRES AN "X" AGAINST THE MAN OF YOUR PARENTS CHOICE!
SORRY FOLKS!

MAPU: "What election?"
JOURNAL: "The Political one."
MAPU: "Oh, that one. Who won!")

Our junior reporter leaves for Christchurch with a disturbing question on his mind.

"As the only overseas vote in Christchurch on the Mapumai roll...how secret is my secret vote!"

mapumai leninist league

ABOVE: Papa Karl (182) local taro planter and Patron of the MLL.

The AGM of the MLL, held las Sunday in total secrecy during the CICC communion service, voted 3-1 to boycott the General Election. There were two abstentions from the members of the breakaway Trotskyite faction who were boycotting the AGM. A Government in Exile was elected, provided they could stay in Mapumai. The meeting voted that a proper Government in Exile had to leave Mapumai, preferably after being tortured by the Island Council. The members of the Government in Exile resigned as they had nowhere else to live and could not afford to go into ting ended in confusion and the mar kaikai. No prayer was said.

PARLIAMENTARY REPORTS

THE PRINCIPAL

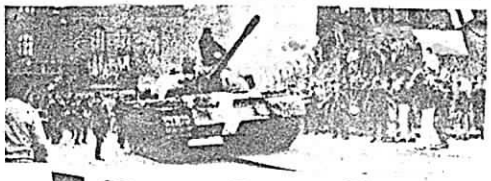
At the Parliament House Reform School for Habitual Manipulators, Principal Sir. T.T. (left) is shortly due to appoint a new Head Boy and leader of the student body....carrying with it the right to a badge of office for 5 years, first table near the tuck shop hatch and the time-honoured title of "President of the Nation." We have smuggled out the last term's reports on three of the younger candidates:

NAME	HENRY MINIMUS G.	**AGE** Not yet past it!	**HOUSE** PARTY
LISTENING	Often has extreme difficulty with this subject		
LEARNING	Frequently absent from class		
TRAVELLING	Outstanding		
FOREIGN LANGUAGES	Australian (fluent)		
HOBBIES	Koala Bears, Didgeridoos, Jumbuks, Billabongs in the Coolabah		
COMMENTS:	A good lad! Recommended for further studies in Australia. Should avoid fighting with Henry Maximus T.		

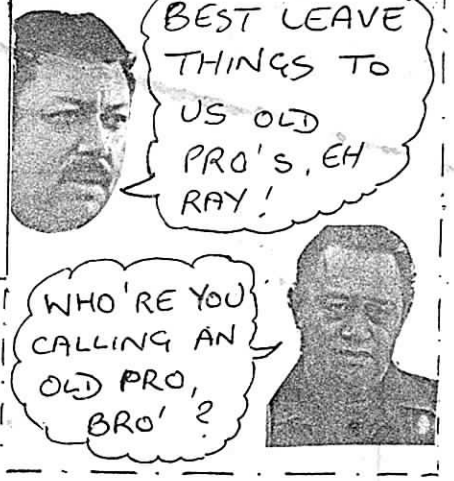
NAME	INGRUMP V.A.T.P.K.O.A.T.V. etc.	**AGE** 40..er.., hum!	**HOUSE** TUMUS
LISTENING	Rarely attends this subject		
LEARNING	Outstanding at identifying other pupils' problems		
TRAVELLING	Brilliant		
FOREIGN LANGUAGES	Maori		
HOBBIES	Construction, destruction, Insurrection		
COMMENTS:	A good lad! Regularly promoted and demoted. Often severely punished. Fights in playground. Upsets staff. Attacks prefects. Demands to be Head Boy. O.K.		

NAME	GORGEOUS Abnormally X.	**AGE** Well...er.!	**HOUSE** UNKNOWN
LISTENING	Lost hearing aid over Nevada		
LEARNING	Is not terribly interested in this subject		
TRAVELLING	Extremely gifted		
FOREIGN LANGUAGES	Roman, Parisian, Nevadan, Washingtonian, Sicilian, Genevan		
HOBBIES	Houses, Ships, Airplanes, Loans		
COMMENTS:	Repeatedly absent. Considers himself papally infallible. Not to be trusted near UK lady PM's. Another good lad!		

THE LAST WORD



ABSENT FROM CLASS



Of there's any one thing about politics in the Cook Islands which hurts the man/woman-in-the-field teacher it's the collossal nerve of candidates who include in their official biographies the words "former teacher".

Like the similar expression, "former doctor", it should be more of a badge of shame than a claim on the public's approval.

At a time when teacher and doctor shortages in this country are reaching desperation levels, a more honest biography would read:

"Gave up teaching and left the colleagues to carry on facing the salaries, resources, terms of service, demands and responsibilities I can see a way of avoiding....."

"...on behalf of the people...of course!"

The people ?

About 50% of the people of the Cook Islands are children in desperate need of teachers.

About 10% are old or sick and in desperate need of doctors.

The rest are struggling with loans, mortgages, court cases, victimisation appeals, land battles, small business affairs and need FREE legal and accounting advice.

THAT'S the people.

And they don't need to be fobbed off with short term contract aid by foreigners while the professional Maoris, often trained on THE PEOPLE'S taxes THE PEOPLE'S family sacrifices play politics.

So there, beloved A'u'A'u Enua where currently lined up for the Political Games are:

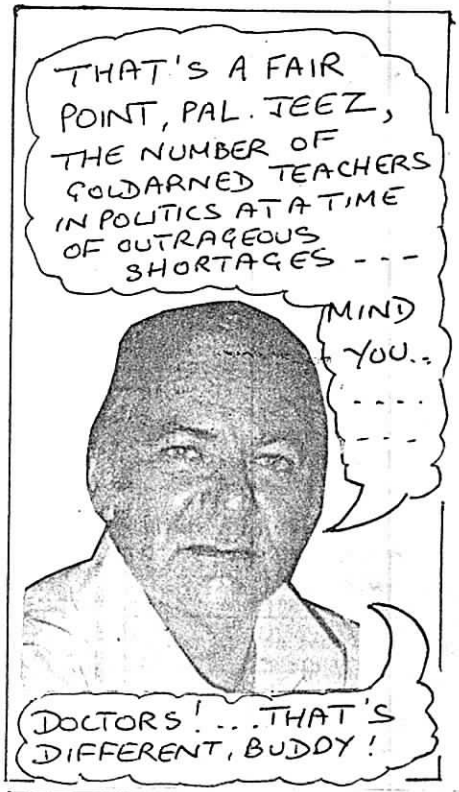
3 Principals
2 "former" teachers
1 Graduate Engineer

with, standing in the wings and being regularly approached,

1 Graduate Economist
1 Graduate Mathematician.
1 Trained Doctor
1 Lawyer already in Parliament.

Mangaia, of course, is not alone and this column has no wish to become over serious...but, it may be just deemed appropriate to question exactly how much progress that one island might have made had its teachers, its engineer, its doctor, its lawyer and all its other trained personnel spoken less ABOUT their people and devoted their careers TO their people.

Red Guards advance, folks! Back to the swamp with 'em all!


THAT'S A FAIR POINT, PAL. JEEZ, THE NUMBER OF GOLDARNED TEACHERS IN POLITICS AT A TIME OF OUTRAGEOUS SHORTAGES - - -
MIND YOU.. - - - - - -
DOCTORS!...THAT'S DIFFERENT, BUDDY!